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TOWN OF BENTON, NH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF TOWN OFFICERS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

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TOWN OFFICERS PHONE NUMBERS & OFFICE HOURS

Selectmen: Marjorie Robitzer 787-6053  
John Elliott 787-6781  
Peter Thompson 787-6598

Available: First Monday of the month at the Community Building from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Office # 787-6541

Town Clerk: Helena Harris 787-6901  
Available: Monday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Office # 787-6541. Sits at the Benton Community Building.

Tax Collector: Beverly Sousa 787-6790  
Available by appointment.

Treasurer: Priscilla Boutin 787-6784  
Available: by appointment.

Supervisors of the CheckList:  
Catherine Elliott 787-6781  
Sera Harris 787-6368  
Jane Elliott 787-6641

Available: at designated times which are advertised in a local paper.

Moderator: Daniel Elliott 787-6189

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:  
Joseph Boutin, Jr. 787-6083  
Available: by appointment

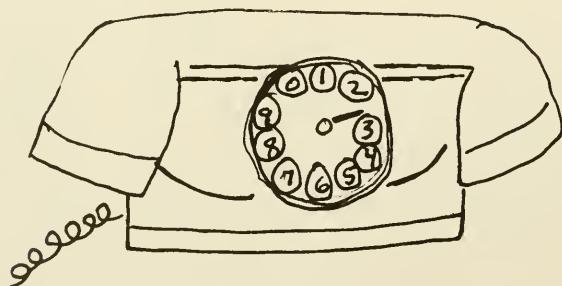
Road Agent: Daniel Elliott 787-6189

Planning Board: Catherine Steel 787-6861  
Kenneth Kealey 787-6084  
Joseph Boutin, Jr. 787-6083

Available: First Monday of every month.

Dog Officer: Position Unfilled  
If the need arises for a dog officer, call a selectman.

Sexton: Position Unfilled  
If the need arises to speak to a sexton, call a Selectman.



BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen:

Peter Thompson	1992
John Elliott	1993
Marjorie Robitzer	1994

Moderator: Daniel Elliott 1992

Town Clerk: Helena Harris 1992

Tax Collector: Beverly Sousa 1992

Treasurer: Priscilla Boutin 1992

Auditor: Dorothy Elliott 1992

Supervisors of CheckList:

Catherine Elliott	1992
Jane Elliott	1993
Sera Harris	1994

Trustee of Trust Funds:

Scott Roden	1992
Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1993
Edward Matz	1994

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:

Joseph Boutin, Jr. 1992

Ballot Clerk: Iona Boutin 1992

Ballot Inspector:

Kate Goodwin 1992

Cartoon Quip

Young boy to Friend: "When you hear what I just found out, you'll never look the same way at a bird or bee again!"

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Wife to husband: "I couldn't agree with you more if you were twice as wrong."

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
State of New Hampshire

Grafton, SS

Town Of Benton

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the Second Tuesday of March next, (the 10th) at seven o'clock in the evening to vote and to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To choose a Town Clerk, One Selectman for a term of 3 years, a Treasurer, A Tax Collector, and an Auditor, a sexton for a term of 1 year, a Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of 3 years and any other necessary town officer or agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the town report.

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected for the year 1992 and to be re-paid therefrom.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collectors deeds.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to designate the selectmen as agents to expend the Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the Tunnel Brook Bridge rehabilitation.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to return the old wood stove at the original Town Clerks building to Albert Boutin, Sr.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote and act upon any disposition of the old Town Clerks building and contents.

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to join the Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Assoc. as an Associate member of both the North Haverhill Fire Co. for north Benton and the Haverhill Fire Co. for all on the south and west side of town.

Article 9: BY PETITION To see if the town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under RSA 31:19A to be known as the Fire Protection Fund, for the purpose of covering the cost of fires that may occur during the fiscal year and to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) toward this

purpose and to designate the selectmen as agents to expend monies to cover the cost of fires in Benton, NH.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to join with the Woodsville Ambulance and Rescue Services for one year from July 1992 to July 1993 for ambulance services for the town at a cost of \$1, 566.50.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to give to the North Country Home Health, the White Mountain Mental Health, the Tri-County Community Action and the Senior Citizens Council and in what amounts.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to re-build that section of Tunnel Brook Road from the Paul Boutin home East to the piece that was recently redone (1988) and also to re-do Howe Hill Road from Route 116 up to Ray Nichols home and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend the necessary funds from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, to raise and appropriate all sums so determined for said purposes, and to pass any other vote relating thereto.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to establish a group or committee to organize and put into action a plan to paint the Community Building if the town buys the paint and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to appoint Robert and Carol Miles to organize an "Adopt A Grave Site" movement for the High Street Cemetery to see if we can't bring this old piece of Benton up to what it should be.

Given under our hands and seal at Benton this 5th day of February, 1992.

Attest:

Marjorie L. Robitzer  
John G. Elliott  
Peter A. Thompson

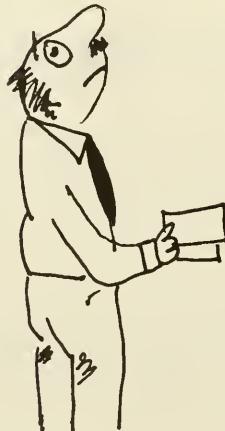
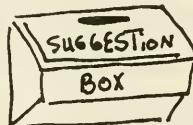
Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS-  
ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES

	App. 91	Exp. 91	Est. 92
Selectmen and Expenses	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,401	\$ 1,420
Election & Registration	400	544	2,000
Financial Administration	2,600	3,026	3,030
Legal Expenses	500		500
Planning & Zoning	500	39	200
General Gov't. Building	1,600	1,448	1,600
Cemeteries	350	700	350
Insurance	1,700	948	2, 500
Regional Assn.	750	764	770
Ambulance	1.069	1,069	1,567
Fire	4,500	372	4,000
Highways and Streets	25,000	24,965	25,000
Solid Waste Planning	200	114	
Health Agencies & Hospitals	600	600	600
Welfare - Direct Assistance	500	195	500
Intergovernmental Welfare	331	331	350
Interest on Tax Antic. Notes	3,400	2,738	3,000
To Capital REs. Fund - Roads	6,000	6,000	6,000
To Capital Res. Fund - Bridge	4,000	4,000	

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\$55,400      \$49,254      \$53,387



BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS  
ESTIMATE OF REVENUE

Sources of Revenue:	Est. 91	Rec's 91	Est. 92
Land Use Change tax	\$	\$ 790	\$
Yield Tax	7,500	9,087	8.000
Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	1,500	2,429	2,500
Inventory Penalties	60		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	13,000	13,360	13,000
Other Licenses, permits and fees	450	589	500
Land Entitlement Payment	2,500	2,356	2,356
Shared Revenue	4,200	6,380	4,500
Highway Block Grant	7,966	7,966	8,205
State & Federal Forest land reimbursement	8,300	14,822	8,300
Disaster relief-flood damage		607	
Interest on deposits	1,000	1,118	1,110
Trust Funds	450	492	490
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Total Revenue except Property Taxes	\$46,926	\$59,996	\$48,961

## TOWN OF BENTON, NH

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991

	Approp- riations	Reimbur- sements	Total Available	Expend- itures	Unexpended Balance	Over- Draft
Selectmen & Expenses	\$ 1,400	\$ 84	\$ 1,484	\$ 1,401	\$ 83	\$ 144
Elections & Registrars	400			544		
Financial Administration	2,600		2,600	3,026		426
Legal Expenses	500		500		500	
Planning & Zoning	500	239	739	39	700	
Gen'l. Govt. Building	1,600		1,600	1,448		152
Cemeteries	350	350	700	700		
Insurance	1,700		1,700	948	752	
Regional Association	750		750	764		
Ambulance	1,069		1,069	1,069		
Fire	4,500		4,500	372	4,118	
Highways & Streets	25,000	768	25,768	24,965	803	
Solid Waste Planning	200		200	114	86	
Health Agencies & Hospitals	600		600	600		
Welfare - Direct Assistance	500		500	195	305	
Intergovernmental Welfare	331		331	331		
Interest on TAX. Ant. Notes	3,400		3,400	2,738	662	
Capital Reserve Fund-Roads	6,000		6,000	6,000		
Capital Reserve Fund-Bridge	4,000		4,000	4,000		
	\$55,400	\$ 1,441	\$56,841	\$49,254	\$ 8,167	\$ 584
				Unexpended Balance	-\$ 584	
						\$7,577

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT  
Summary of Tax Accounts  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1991 - (June 30, 1992)

City/Town of : BENTON

DR.

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:

	1992	1990
Property Taxes:		\$30,159.51
Land Use Change Taxes:		790.25
Yield Taxes:		255.74

Taxes Committed To Collector:

Property Taxes:	\$133,721.00
Yield Taxes:	9,497.41

Interest Collected On

Delinquent Taxes:	2.62	1,858.53
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Total Debits:	\$143,221.03	\$33,064.03
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Remitted To Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

	1992	1990
Property Taxes:	\$109,291.33	\$ 30,159.51
Yield Taxes:	8,830.96	255.74
Land Use Change Tax:		790.25

Interest On Taxes: 2.62 1,858.53

Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes:	24,429.67
Yield Taxes:	666.45
Total Credits:	\$143,221.03
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Respectfully Submitted,

*Beverly Sousa*  
Beverly Sousa  
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

DR.

...Tax Sale/Lien on Accounts of Levies of...

	1990	1989	1988
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of Fiscal Year:			
Taxes Sold/Executed to	\$	\$ 2,731.42	\$ 483.47
Town During Fiscal Year:			
	10,307.68		
Interest Collected After			
Sale/Lien Execution:	203.15	128.63	176.20
Redemption Cost:		15.00	45.00
Total Debits:	\$10,510.83	\$ 2,857.05	\$ 704.67
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Remittance to Treasurer  
During Fiscal Year:

Redemptions:	\$ 4,016.64	\$ 2,050.77	\$ 483.47
Interest and Cost			
After Sale:	203.15	143.63	221.20
Unredeemed Taxes end Of			
Year:	6,291.04	662.65	
Total Credits:	\$10,510.83	\$ 2,857.05	\$ 704.67
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Pleasure in the job puts perfection  
in the work

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Laughter is a tranquilizer with no  
side affects.

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For an Irishman, talking is a dance.

TOWN OF BENTON  
Report of Town Clerk For The Year Ending 12-31-91

Debits:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	( 304)	\$13,691.00
Dog Licenses Issued:	( 49)	329.50
Fines and Penalties Collected:	( 10)	66.50
 Total:		 \$14,087.00

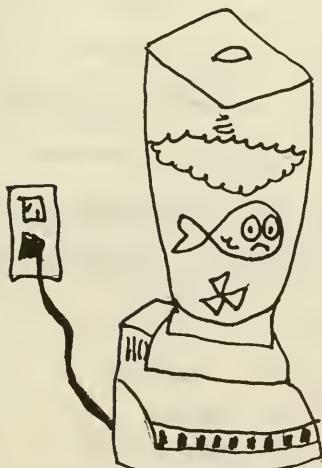
Credits:

Remittance to Treasurer:	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees:	\$13,360.00
Dog Licenses and Penalties:	371.50
 Total:	 \$13,731.50

Fees Retained by Clerk;	
Motor Vehicles:	\$ 331.00
Dog Licenses:	24.50
 Total:	 355.50

Respectfully Submitted,

*Helena L. Harris*  
Helena L. Harris  
Town Clerk



AND YOU THINK  
THERE'S STRESS  
IN YOUR LIFE!

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY  
FOR THE  
LAYMAN

ARTERY — the study of fine paintings.

BARIUM — what you do when the patient dies.

BENIGN — What you are after you are eight.

CESAREAN SECTION — A district in Rome

COLIC — A sharp dog

CONGENITAL — friendly

DILATE — to live long

FEASTER — Quicker

G.I. SERIES — Baseball game between soldiers

HANGNAIL — coat hook

MEDICAL STAFF — a doctor's cane

MINOR OPERATION — coal digging

MORBID — a higher offer

NITRATE — lower than day rate

NODE — was aware of

ORGANIC — church musician

OUT PATIENT — a person who has fainted

POST-OPERATIVE — a letter carrier

PROTEIN — in favor of young people

SEROLOGY — Study of English Knighthood

SECRETION — hiding anything

TABLET — a small table

TUMOR — an extra pair

URINE — opposite of your ait

VARICOSE VEINS — veins very close together

Treasurer's Report - 1991

Received From Tax Collector:	
Tax Sale Redeemed - 1988	\$483.47
Interest & Redemption	
Costs:	<u>221.20</u>
	\$704.67
Tax Sale Redeemed - 1989	\$2,050.77
Int. & Redemption Costs:	<u>143.63</u>
	\$2,194.40
Current Use Withdrawel Penalty:	790.25
Property Taxes - 1990:	\$30,159.51
Interest:	<u>1,399.82</u>
	\$31,559.33
Yield Tax - 1990:	\$ 255.74
Interest:	<u>53.71</u>
	\$ 309.45
Tax Sale Redeemed - 1990	\$ 4,016.64
Interest & Costs of Sale:	<u>608.15</u>
	\$ 4,624.79
Property Tax - 1991:	\$109,291.33
Interest:	<u>2.62</u>
	\$109,293.95
Yield Tax:	<u>8,830.96</u>
	\$158,307.80
Recieved From Town Clerk:	
Motor Vehicle Registrations:	\$13,265.00
Transfers:	95.00
Dog Licenses Issued:	238.50
Dog License Penalties:	66.50
Sub-Division Fees:	39.00
Cemetary Lots:	<u>20.00</u>
	\$13,724.00
Rec'd. From Trustees of Trust Funds:	
For Highways:	\$ 161.24
For Cemeteries:	<u>330.33</u>
	\$ 491.57
Rec'd. From Selectmen:	
Planning Board Fees:	\$ 200.00
Copy of Zoning Regulations:	11.90
Current Use Registrations:	30.60-
Pistol Permits:	<u>41.00</u>
	\$ 283.50

Treasurer's Report - 1991

Rec'd. From State & Federal Sources:

State of NH - Revenue Sharing:	\$ 6,379.90
State Highway Block Grant:	7,966.07
Nat'l. Forest Reserve:	16,557.26
Nat'l. Forest:	6,543.07
Federal Land Entitlement Fee:	2,356.00
State Emergency Flood Damage:	<u>607.00</u>
	\$ 40,409.30

Rec'd. From Woodsville Guaranty

Savings - T A N	\$ 65,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 278,216.17
Gen. Fund Balance	
12/31/90	5,840.98
Interest - 1991	<u>903.03</u>
	\$ 284,960.18

Selectmens	
Orders:	<u>263,372.22</u>

Balance:	\$ 21,587.96
Less Stop	
Payment Fee:	<u>30.00</u>
	\$ 21,557.96

Plus Un-cashed	
Check (#4341)	<u>24.69</u>

Balance: 12/31/91	\$ 21,582.65
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Yield Tax Account #30502

Balance 12/31/90	\$ 2,825.91
Deposits - 1991	1,123.02
Interest - 1991	<u>215.01</u>
Balance - 12/31/91	\$ 4,163.94

Respectfully Submitted,

*Priscilla Boutin*

Priscilla Boutin, Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS  
By Selectmen

**Town Officers Salaries:**

Barbara Roden, Auditor:	\$ 50.00
Peter Thompson, Selectman:	300.00
John G. Elliott, Selectman:	300.00
Helena Harris, Town Clerk:	300.00
Beverly Sousa, Tax Collector:	300.00
Priscilla Boutin, Treasurer:	300.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr. Surveyor of of Wood & Lumber:	100.00
Marjorie Robitzer, Selectman:	<u>500.00</u>
	\$ 2,150.00

**Town Officers Expenses:**

Town Reports:	\$825.00
Notices:	159.00
County Registration Fees:	106.45
Office Exp. & Supplies:	343.54
Notary License:	30.00
Mileage:	102.24
Officers Workshop:	24.00
Tax Liens 27 @ \$12.00:	324.00
Postage:	<u>191.44</u>
	\$ 2,105.67

**Election & Registration:**

Notices:	\$159.00
Catherine Elliott:	92.40
Seraphene Harris:	92.40
Jane Elliott:	46.20
Daniel Elliott, Moderator:	30.80
Helena Harris:	30.80
Peter Thompson:	30.80
John Elliott:	30.80
Marjorie Elliott:	<u>30.80</u>
	\$ 544.00

Planning Board:	39.00
Insurance Bonds:	948.00
Ammonoosuc Solid Waste District:	113.83
Community Building:	
To Clean Oil Burner:	\$ 30.00
Fuel Oil:	984.40
Telephone:	291.36
Electric:	125.95
Snow Shovel:	<u>15.95</u>
	\$ 1,447.66

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS  
By Selectmen

Cemeteries:	\$ 700.00
Welfare:	195.07

Regional Organization Dues:

N.H. Municipal Assn:	\$ 500.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Assn.	15.00
North Country Council:	209.25
Town Clerks Assn:	<u>20.00</u>
	\$ 764.25

Health & Welfare Services:

Ambulance Service:	\$ 1,068.63
Tri County Community Action:	175.00
White Mtn. Mental Health:	300.00
North Country Home Health:	300.00
Senior Citizens Council:	<u>156.37</u>
	\$ 2,000.00

Tax Liens Held By The Town:	10,307.68
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes:	2,738.08
Loan Repayments:	65,000.00
St. of N.H., Dog License Fund:	20.50
Grafton County Tax:	13,784.00
Payments to School:	125,005.63
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds:	10,000.00
Town Clerk Fees:	171.50
Fire Department:	372.00

Town Roads:

Winter Roads:	\$ 13,485.00
Summer Roads:	10,720.11
Material For Road Work:	<u>760.24</u>
	\$ 24,966.35

TOTAL PAYMENTS:	<u>\$263,372.22</u>
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Respectfully Submitted,  
*John Elliott*  
*Mayjone Robitzer*  
*Peter Thompson*  
*Marjorie Robitzer*  
*John Elliott*  
*Peter Thompson*

Selectmen, Benton

TOWN OF BENTON  
SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Land - Improved & Unimproved:

Under Current Use - 1245.4 Ac.	\$ 77,000
All Other - 6086.0 Ac.	3,413,930
Total of Taxable Land:	<u>\$3,490,930</u>

Tax Exempt & Non- Taxable - 24,077.7 Ac.  
Assessed at \$6,344,600

Residential, including Manufactured Housing \$4,452,110  
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable - \$428,270

Public Utilities:

New England Hydro-Transmission	\$ 719,520
New England Power	35,860
New Hampshire Elec. Co-op	<u>259,470</u>

Valuations before Taxes: \$ 8,957,890

Elderly Exemptions (1)	\$ 5,000
NET VALUATION	<u>\$ 8,952,890</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY  
as of 12/31/91

Town Hall - land & bldgs.

Furniture & Equipment:	\$ 2,170
Old Town Clerks Office & Furnishings	<u>330</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 2,500

Respectfully Submitted,

*John Elliott*  
*Mayjorie Robitzer*  
*Peter Thompson*  
*Marjorie Robitzer*  
*John Elliott*  
*Peter Thompson*

Selectmen, Benton

ROAD REVIEW - 1991

By way of maintenance last year, we accomplished a number of things. We cleared a lot of roadside trees and brush. We were also able to hire a large mower-brush hog to do roadside mowing which did a great job. We cleaned the rest of the ditches which we've been working on over the last two years, removing quite a number of yeards of waste material. This material was dumped at different residents homes, which helped them with free fill for projects they had. We widened a part of Wheeler Road, graveled it, and built a turn around after an agreement with the land owner that they take over part of the road. WE rebuilt about a 150 Ft. section of Burke Hill with stay-pack material, as an experiment, over the drainage area we had installed. It appears to be holding fine, but Spring will tell. Roads were graded twice, and cold patching was done, which is something in itself. It has gotten to where we are patching patches. Its like doing open heart surgery with a butter knife and a bandaide. In October of 1988 we rebuilt 1,000 feet of road at a cost of about \$4,500 for material and labor. We've watched this section closely and it has held up excellently at any given time of the year, and the cost of maintenance has been minimal. I feel it is time to consider rebuilding more of our roads, as for the longer we wait the more things go up. It doesn't make sense to put money into something that isn't there to repair.



Dan Elliott, Road AGent

## NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

North Country Council is the Regional Planning Commission for 51 towns in northern New Hampshire. It was established almost 20 years ago by the legislature to respond to communities' needs for local and regional planning and development programs. As a membership organization, the Council is supported by local community dues which are used to match state and federal funding sources.

Assistance available to member towns includes municipal planning, regional planning, transportation planning, business and industrial planning/development, landscape architecture, solid waste planning, resource management, GIS mapping and public education. The Council provides this professional assistance to Planning Boards, Boards of Selectmen, Zoning Boards of Adjustment, Conservation Commissions, Solid Waste Districts, Local Development Corporations, Non-Profit Community Organizations, Chambers of Commerce, Educational Institutions and Social Services Organizations and Agencies in our member towns.

In Benton, NCC staff made the final amendments to the Ammonoosuc Solid Waste Management Plan.

Throughout 1991 North Country Council contributed its commitment to local and regional planning assistance. The year also saw the Council rededicate its economic development program to address the worsening North Country economy, its solid waste program to aggressively reduce the volume of solid waste generated in the region, and its land use program to address the problems confronting the Northern Forest.

In the ensuing year the Council will continue its present course and work program with an intense commitment to local technical assistance, development of local leadership and ability, and the provision of membership services to support community and regional needs.

Persons interested in regional issues as discussed in this report are urged to contact their selectmen for appointment as Council representatives or committee members.

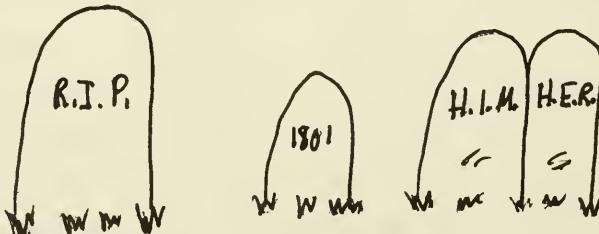
Once again we must thank the towns-people who gave their time to maintain the Boutin Corner & Mountain View grave yards. It was not only the tax dollars they saved the town, but the example of unselfish service to the community without thought of reward. However, there is still a problem. In the summer of 1990 there was 16 men, women and children who showed up to start renewing the High Street grave yard. Last year there were only two, Robert and Carol Miles. It occurred to me that the towns people of Benton might be interested in the concept of "adopting" a grave site. The High Street Grave yard could be divided into small areas and a family or individual could adopt or volunteer to maintain a section and restore it to the best of their ability. There could even be a small prize for the plot that showed the most improvement at the end of the summer. It's a big job for two people but if others will light a candle, we could make this little cemetery shine again. What do you say?

In closing, the first year over 30 individuals signed up to maintain the grave yards but many did not turn out. Please do not sign to adopt a site if you are not sincere.

Carol Miles  
Benton Resident

While our attention has been drawn to the cemeteries, let us not forget to thank Seraphine Harris for following through with her suggestion that a large number of the stones in the Mountain View Cemetery were damaged by ground unheavels from roots, frost and plain old age and were badly in need of repair. Sera followed through on this and saw to it that many of the stones were straightened and repaired. This, plus the excellent mowing and trimming jobs, improved the appearance of the cemetery immensely. We thank all the people involved in this project.

Selectmen  
Town of Benton



GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Grafton County Commissioners' 1991 Report to Towns

In a continuing effort to communicate more directly with Grafton County citizens, we take great pleasure in submitting the following report for our information.

During the past year, the County Nursing Home has continued to provide excellent care for approximately 120 elderly and infirm residents while complying with the increased demands of new federal regulations. In November we opened a unit designed to meet the needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease and similar afflictions, which has been very well received by residents families, and staff.

Inmates in the House of Corrections have benefited from the Thresholds/Decision-making program, taught by volunteers who help their clients prepare for more productive lives in jail and on the outside. A grant from the Attorney General's Office has also provided us with a substance abuse counselor for the jail.

New projects were also initiated at the County Farm. The piggery was reinstated (20 piglets were born to 3 sows in October), and a lilac nursery was added through the State Lilac Commission (lilacs will be ready for distribution to public agencies in the spring). The farm also planted extra potatoes for contribution to local food pantries throughout the county, a project we plan to continue in future years.

Since September the Commissioners have worked with the Sheriff, Assistant Sheriff and members of the County Legislative Delegation to review the County Dispatch Center and revise the fees charged for telephone answering and radio dispatching services. Discounts were eliminated for 1992 and fees based on actual use are planned beginning in 1993. Copies of the Study Committee's report are available at the Commissioners Office.

For the second year in a row we were able to reduce county taxes while maintaining necessary county services. The Commissioners intend to continue to hold the line on expenses, but do expect a modest tax increase next year due to the elimination of surpluses generated by unanticipated increases in nursing home revenues.

This past year the County distributed over \$78,000 in state Incentive Funds to local agencies to prevent out-of-home placements of troubled children and youth. The County also provides a Youth and Family Mediation Program available free of charge in Lebanon, Littleton, and Plymouth areas.

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The Board of Commissioners has made great strides in expanding efforts to inform our constituents about county government. Tours of county facilities, a mock trial for school children, and an open house took place during County Government Week in April, and plans are underway for an even broader program for the coming year (April 5-11). We held a special information session for local officials in September, have spoken to school and civic groups, and developed a slide presentation to show people what the county does.

In closing, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to local officials and agencies and the citizens for continued interest and cooperation in our efforts to serve you. The public is invited to attend our regular meetings at 9:15 AM on Thursdays at the County Administration Building in North Haverhill. The Commissioners also welcome the opportunity to speak or show our slides to students and civic groups. Please call our office at 787-6941 for further information or to request a speaker.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette Jo Taffe, Chairman District #3  
Gerard J. Zeiller, Vice Chairman District #1  
Raymond S. Burton, Clerk District #2

TOWN AUDITORS REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector,  
Town Treasurer, Town Clerk and Selectmen and find them  
to be fairly stated.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dorothy Elliott*

Dorothy Elliott  
Auditor

RECORD OF AFFIRMATIVE VOTES FOR:  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
1991

Agreeable to the warrant for the annual town meeting, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Daniel Elliott, on March 12, 1991 at 7:00 PM at the Benton Community Building in Benton, NH.

Town meeting opened with the warrant being read by the Moderator, Daniel Elliott. A motion was made and seconded then voted upon, to recess town meeting and open the School Meeting.

Town Meeting was reopened at 8:45 PM.

Art. 1: This article read, to choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for a term of 3 years, a Treasurer, and Auditor and a sexton for a term of 1 year each. A Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of 3 years and any other necessary town officers or agents for the ensuing year.

Results: Helena Harris, Town Clerk,

Marjorie Robitzer, Selectman

Priscilla Boutin, Treasurer

Carol Miles was nominated as Tax Collector but she declined due to circumstances with the Selectmen. Beverly Sousa was nominated and she accepted. This motion was made, seconded and voted upon.

Dorothy Elliott, Auditor

Sexton, it was decided to leave work in cemeteries on a volunteer basis as was done last year. This seemed to work fine for the town as of now.

Seraphene Harris, Supervisor of the Checklist

Edward Matz, Trustee of Trust Funds

Joseph Boutin, Jr., Surveyor of Wood & Lumber Dog Officer, This was done the same as last year as no one was interested in this position. It is: to call the selectmen if you have a dog complaint and they will decide how to handle the matter.

Iona Boutin, Ballot Clerk

Kate Goodwin, Ballot Inspector

Daniel Elliott, Moderator

Art. 2: This article read: To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the town report.

Results: Samuel Gregory wanted to know about road patrol that the road agent was doing. Daniel Elliott, road agent, said that this includes cutting tree branches hanging out into the roads, making sure culverts are clear and all other obstacles out of the road that could be dangerous. Sam Gregory said he would be willing to do the saw work for the taking of the wood. Daniel Elliott said the insurance plays a big factor in this. Carol Miles said if someone volunteers and signs a waiver as to the insurance side of it they should be able to do this work. It was decided that volunteer road workers was not a good idea.

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Sera Harris asked as to why the road agent went plowing the roads when there was only 2 or 3 inches of snow on it. Daniel Elliott said he has called all hours of the day and night as to people telling him the roads need plowing. He stated that if someone goes off the road and gets hurt they could easily sue the town for not keeping the roads properly maintained for the weather conditions. Sam Gregory then brought up the fact that he has seen different driveways in town sanded and plowed by the road agent. Daniel Elliott said that the ones he does are out of his own personal contracting supplies. Sam Gregory then questioned what had happened to the brooms that were bought by the road agent with town money. He said they were not used when he saw the roads being tarred last summer. Robert Miles then suggested that perhaps it could be arranged so that the people in town who were unable to pay their taxes could do road work and have the wages applied to the tax bills. After much discussion a motion was made, seconded and a voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Art. 3: This article read: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected for the year 1991 and to be repaid therefrom.

Results: The budget had money left from the year before. We are in better shape then before. Carol Miles wanted to know the rate of interest we get at the banks. The answer to this was whatever the going rate was at the time. Motion was then made, seconded and a voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Art. 4: This article read: To see if the town will vote to put property taxes in the town of benton on a semi-annual instead of an annual basis. The dates and percentage of payments to be set at this meeting by the voters present. (This was a petition article)

Results: It was stated that as we have a new tax collector this year she would have her hands full learning all the steps. Laurie Elliott said that she thought that if this is done the tax collector would need double pay as there is double the amount of work involved. A motion was then made, seconded and a voice vote taken to leave the tax collecting to once a year for now.

Art. 5: This article read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for roads, previously established.

Results: It was asked how much was in this fund right now. Scott Roden said we have around \$20,000 as of now. This can be used for only roads and nothing else. John Elliott said that the roads really need something done now as they won't hold up much longer in the condition they are in.

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He thinks we should start using the money now instead of waiting longer. Most thought this was not a good idea, as this amount of money really wouldn't do much work. A motion was made, seconded and voted upon by voice vote to keep adding to this fund for a longer time.

Art. 6: This article read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4000 to be added to the Capital Reserve fund for Tunnel Stream Bridge that has been previously established.

Results: There was some discussion on this article. This is the third year we have had this fund. The bridge work is going to cost the town \$12,000. The government is paying the rest of the cost of the bridge. It will cost around \$140,000 to do this project and it will be done by the State Bridge crew. A motion was made, seconded and a voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Art. 7: This article read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for Bentons; share of a maximum of \$4000, to be used in conjunction with the North Country Councils efforts to assist with the furthering of the plan for an affordable re-cycling plan for the Ammonoosuc Solid Waste District.

Results: Carol Miles asked how this was going and Marjorie Robitzer told her and the voters what was being done as of now. A motion was made, seconded and a voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Art. 8: This article read: To see if the town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, to raise and appropriate all sums so determined for said purposes, and to pass any other vote relating thereto. Health Expenses as a few years ago we had decided on a 3% amount of these items. Marjorie Robitzer explained that the ambulance service has requested more as they figure their cost on the amount of residents in town. We have 179 for a population. We will leave the amount of \$2000 in the budget as it is. A motion was made, seconded and a voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

Art. 9: This article read: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through tax collectors deeds.

Results: It was stated that the taxes are allowed to go for 3 years before they are sold. A motion was made, seconded and a voice vote taken to accept this article as written.

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Art. 10: This article read: to see if the town will vote to put the money raised from the sale of grave sites in the town cemeteries, into a trust fund to be used for the maintainance of town cemeteries.

Results: (This was a petition article) This article needs to be written in the form of a petition as the ones for our road and bridge work article were. These were not written correctly and therefore cannot be accepted. This is what the state has said about this article.

Art.11: This article read: To see if the town will vote that money set aside in the budget for fires be put into a special fund for the following purposes: to pay the expenses of fires in town; to accumulate, plus interest, for the anticipated building of a firehouse, purhcase of fire equipment, establish dry hydrants and any other expense pertaining to fires in Benton as designated by the voters in town.

Results: (This was a petition article) This article needs to be written in the form of a petition as the ones for our road and bridge work articles were. This was not written correctly and therefore can not be accepted. This is what that state said about this article.

Art. 12: This article read: To see if the town will vote to contribute to the New Hampshire Property Taxpayers Defense Fund for the purpose of entering a suit to hold the State of N.H. accountable for the unfunded mandates it imposes on local taxpayers, and to set an amount for this purpose.

Results: As there was little discussed on this article, a motion was made, seconded and voice vote taken to not accept this article.

A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to close the Town Meeting for 1991 at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Helena Harris*

Helena Harris  
Town Clerk, Benton

## MARRIAGES IN BENTON

Groom: Richard E. Saffo, Jr. 25 Years  
Bride: Veronica J. Douglas 22 Years

Married: 10-12-91 Married In Haverhill,  
NH

Grooms Parents: Richard Saffo, Sr.  
Stephanie C. Saffo

Brides Parents: David A. Douglas  
Irene V. Douglas

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## DEATHS

Cluxton, Hayes deceased: 07-28-91 76 years  
Glencliff Home For The Elderly : Resident

Mother: Ellen M. Cluxton  
Father: Harley E. Cluxton

Occupation: Physician

Born: Columbia, Tenn.

Bean, Hendrika Deceased: 08-09-91 70 years  
Glencliff Home For The Elderly: Resident

Mother: Helen Bean  
Father: Martin Sliva

Occupation: Factory Worker

Born: Franklin, NH

Carboneau, Lionel Deceased: 08-13-91 85 years  
Glencliff Home For The Elderly: Resident

Mother: Evelina Carboneau  
Father: Francis Carboneau

Occupation: Truck Driver

Born: Laconia, NH

Sikoski, Alec Deceased: 08-17-91 75 years  
Glencliff Home For The Elderly: Resident

Mother: Stella Sikoski  
Father: Frank Sikoski

Occupation: N/A

Mother: Unknown  
Father: Oliver Couture

Occupation: Housewife

Born: Lowell, Mass.



ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OFFICERS  
SCHOOL BOARD

Laurie Elliott	Term Expires 1992
Scott Roden	Term Expires 1993
Stefan Cimikowski	Term Expires 1994

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

John Elliott, Jr.	Moderator
Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Dorothy Elliott	Auditor
Helena Harris	Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
Douglas B. McDonald, Ed.D

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS  
Keith M. Pfeifer, Ph.D  
James Gaylord

Record of Affirmative Votes for:  
Annual School Meeting  
March 12, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Moderator John Elliott, Jr. Mr. Elliott read the school warrant and the following action was taken on the articles in the school warrant.

Article 1: This article read: To choose a Moderator for the coming year. Results: John Elliott, Jr. was chosen Moderator for the coming year.

Article 2: This article read: To choose a Clerk for the coming year. Results: Helena Harris was chosen Clerk for the coming year.

Article 3: This article read: To choose one Member of the school board, for a three year term ending in 1994. Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to pass over this article for now.

Article 4: This article read: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year. Results: Maxine Tyler was chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 5: This article read: To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of other officers or agents of the district.

Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept this article as written.

Article 6: This article read: To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant. Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept this article as written.

Article 7: This article read: To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant. Results: A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept this article as written.

Article 8: This article read: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. Results: A motion was made to accept the amount of \$179,891.00 that was nominated for school budget and this was seconded by Laurie Elliott and then voted upon. Robert Miles brought up the amount of money that Superintendent McDonald is being paid. He felt that \$67,057.00 was steep. He also brought up the fact that he thought the tuition on one high school student from town was very high. Carol Miles stated there had been an 11% increase in the superintendents' salary and tuition was up 10% also. Why? Scott Roden explained it would not be much cheaper to send our children to Littleton schools. They

charge about the same as we are paying for tuition in Haverhill. Robert Miles felt that a cut in the Superintendent's pay would help our tuition to drop. John Elliott suggested that the school meeting be recessed until the figures and information in the Town Report are clearer. It was asked why kids are going to the Racket Shack instead of gym during their allotted gym period time. Mr. Pfeifer said he had no knowledge of this, but would check and get back with the reason why if this is happening. Ken Kealey wanted to know when the school officials, from custodians on down, will start turning down raises. Mr. Pfeifer said that they, school officials, have already started doing this. John Elliott wanted to know what would happen if we turned down the budget. he said we do have a right to do this if we want. Mr. Pfeifer said if we did this, not pass the budget, it would go to Superior Court and they would set the rate we would use to send our children to school. John Roden said if we did end up going to court, it would cost us money in lawyers fees and so forth, and the town doesn't have this. Dorothy Elliott made a motion, which was seconded and voted upon, to close discussion on this article. Ballot vote was taken to turn down or accept the budget as written. 44 votes were cast.

Article as written: Accept 14  
Deny 30

Budget turned down by ballot vote.

While there was a five minute recess, the school board members met. They decided that they, the school board members, would be willing to give up their yearly pay. Everyone felt that this was not necessary as there had to be some other way. Most felt they (S.B. Members) were not paid enough as it was. It needs to come from elsewhere for saving this money. It was then proposed by Mr. Pfeifer that the towns share of the Superintendent and the Superintendents Assistant's pay be cut from the budget. This would be a total of \$1,377.00 less. A motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept this offer. There was then a motion made, seconded and voted upon for a ballot vote to be done on this proposal. There were 44 votes cast and the results were:

Accept this proposal 21  
Deny this proposal 23

Proposal denied by ballot vote.

A motion was then made, seconded and voted upon to recess school meeting until April 9, 1991, on a Tuesday, at 7:00 PM at the Benton Community Building, to discuss Article 3 and 8 in further detail.

Motion made, seconded and voted upon to recess meeting as of tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Helena Harris  
Benton School Clerk

April 9, 1991

The school meeting, which was recessed without a school director or a budget on Town Meeting Day, was opened this evening at 6:00 PM at the Community Building.

The Moderator, John Elliott, read the Articles to be voted upon and then called for nominations for a School Director. Stephan Cimikowski was nominated, the nomination seconded and a voice vote confirmed the election. He was immediately sworn in by the Moderator.

A discussion as to the events at Town meeting, School Meeting, then reviewed the position of the Town as to financial support of the schools for the ensuing year.

Ed Matz then asked the School Board Members, Laurie Elliott and Scott Roden, for their explanation of their duties and privileges, ie, voting rights, at any SAU meeting and whether they can make a difference.

Dan Elliott then said that we need a motion to open this discussion of the budget and then made a motion to pass the Article, ie, the budget as written in the original school warrant. A motion was made, seconded and voted upon. (voice vote)

Scott Roden then explained the job of the School Board Members. Ed Matz then ventured that we actually, as a 100% tuition town, have no choice but to vote in the figures as they are presented.

Laurie Elliott and Cathy Steel both interceded with the suggestion that we allow Mr. McDonald, the Superintendent of Schools, to speak. Mr. Miles spoke a bit first which boiled down to his opinion that the tax payers have no voice, no representation.

Mr. McDonald then explained the SAU and its functions. He compared the SAU with its multi-million dollar budget to any multi-million dollar corporation and elaborated quite a bit on this theme, to better explain the necessary salaries, the necessary competition to maintain full use of all facilities and the necessary extra faculty for Special Education, Vocational Education, Speech and Psychological services. He also stated that the schools must keep changing to prepare pupils for a constantly changing world.

Cathy Steel then inquired as to future plans to better educate Benton's children.

Mr. McDonald then spelled out six year plans developed since he came to the SAU. He discussed educational guide lines and financial guide lines. He spoke of relating budgets to the economy, bare necessities and those things that would be excellent additions to the existing programs but that the SAU realizes that funding is not possible at this time. It was also brought out that pupils could attend any other area school with their Haverhill tuition paid to that school, the town making up the difference. Parents would have to provide transportation.

Mrs. Miles questioned the costs of having Lin-Wood in the SAU, that perhaps it would be cheaper to consolidate operations on this side of the mountain. The answer, by Mr. McDonald, was "No". Lin-Wood, because of its high valuation, pays 42% of the SAU and incurs only 25% of costs. Monroe also subsidizes in the same manner. Benton, Haverhill and Warren gain in this respect. Benton tuition is actually below cost because they need to keep classes full since that means higher volume and lower cost per item for supplies, 100% use of special teachers, etc. resulting in a lower cost per pupil.

Mrs. Steel pushed for more information on cooperation between parents and teachers. Ed Matz questioned tuition fees. Mr. McDonald replied to these questions. John Roden then spoke up positively for young people of today to counter Mr. Miles statements of too many under educated kids. Peter Thompson brought forth the opinion shared by many that what a young person gets from school comes from a combination of personal drive, parental guidance, and a good school.

Mr. Miles wished to know why costs keep going up while other things level off occasionally.

John Elliott asked for any additional discussion before voting.

Bert Sousa asked for an explanation of State School Funding and why the rise and fall, mostly fall lately, in amounts for the support of the schools.

Mr. McDonald explained equalized valuation and how this affects the money allotted to each town.

Mr. Elliott called for a vote, by ballot, on the motion to accept the budget of \$179,891.00.

The results were: 25 ballots cast  
16 yes - 9 no

Article 8 passed - \$179,891.00

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Helena Harris  
Benton School Clerk

BENTON  
SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said district on the 10th day of March, 1992 at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To choose one Member of the School Board, for a three year term ending in 1995.

ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of other officers or agents of the district.

ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters of the district will accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific revision of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the school district, money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the district will vote to enter into a tuition agreement for grades K-12 with the Haverhill Cooperative School District for the 1992-93 school year.

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the purpose of conducting an architect study to convert the Benton Town Hall to an elementary school.

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this 6th day of February, 1992

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Scott Roden, Chairman

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Stefan Cimikowski

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Laurie Elliott  
BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

## BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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1-GENERAL FUND

## BUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION

02/11/92

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	1990-1991			1991-1992 *			1992-1993 *		
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS	FUNCTION TOTAL *	105,325.00	79,697.34	114,325.00	132,700.00	18,375.00				
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS	FUNCTION TOTAL *	35,280.00	32,890.93	36,782.00	38,801.00	2,019.00				
1300 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS	FUNCTION TOTAL *	2,650.00								
1420 SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION TOTAL *			327.00	700.00	650.00				
2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	FUNCTION TOTAL *			110.00						
2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY	FUNCTION TOTAL *			3,472.00	3,472.00	3,265.00				
2159 SPEECH-SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION TOTAL *					3,251.00				
2312 SCHOOL BOARD	FUNCTION TOTAL *					350.00				
2312 CLERK OF THE BOARD	FUNCTION TOTAL *									
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	FUNCTION TOTAL *									
2314 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS	FUNCTION TOTAL *									
2317 AUDIT	FUNCTION TOTAL *									
2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	FUNCTION TOTAL *									
2390 OTHER SUPPORT SERV-GEN ADM	FUNCTION TOTAL *									
2552 TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL	FUNCTION TOTAL *									
2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION	FUNCTION TOTAL *									
1. GENERAL FUND	FUND TOTAL **	175,523.00	141,822.01	179,891.00	199,447.00	19,556.00				
DISTRICT TOTAL ****		175,523.00	141,822.01	179,891.00	199,447.00	19,556.00				
Warrant Article		175,523.00	141,822.01	179,891.00	201,947.00	22,056.00				

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## BUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION

02/11/92

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	*****1990-1991 *****		*****1991-1992 *****		*****1992-1993 *****	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<b>FUNCTION 1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS</b>							
561 TUITION TO LEAS IN NH	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	105,325.00	79,697.34	114,325.00	132,700.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	105,325.00	79,697.34	114,325.00	132,700.00
<b>FUNCTION 1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>							
310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	600.00	22,852.00	28,000.00	29,000.00
320 INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	34,680.00	1,395.00	7,477.00	7,251.00
330 PUPIL SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	34,680.00	1,718.93	1,305.00	2,550.00
561 TUITION TO LEAS IN NH	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	35,280.00	32,890.93	36,782.00	38,801.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	35,280.00	32,890.93	36,782.00	38,801.00
<b>FUNCTION 1300 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS</b>							
567 TUITION TO LEAS OUTSIDE NH	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	2,650.00	~	~	~
1300 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	2,650.00	~	~	~
<b>FUNCTION 1420 SUMMER SCHOOL</b>							
310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	~	327.00	700.00	300.00
569 OTHER TUITION	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	~	~	350.00	400.00-
1420 SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	~	327.00	700.00	650.00
<b>FUNCTION 2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>							
330 PUPIL SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	300.00	~	110.00	~
2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	300.00	~	110.00	~

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1-GENERAL FUND

BUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION  
02/11/92

				*****1990-1991*****		*****1991-1992*****		*****1992-1993*****	
		DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE ACCOUNT	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
FUNCTION 2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY									
310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	3,472.00	3,472.00	3,472.00	3,365.00	3,251.00	114.00-
2150 SPEECH AND AUDIOLOGY	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	3,472.00	3,472.00	3,472.00	3,365.00	3,251.00	114.00-
FUNCTION 2159 SPEECH-SUMMER SCHOOL									
310 INSTRUCTION SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	-----	-----	126.00	-----	350.00	350.00
2119 SPEECH-SUMMER SCHOOL	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	-----	-----	126.00	-----	350.00	350.00
FUNCTION 2311 SCHOOL BOARD									
110 REGULAR SALARIES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
230 FICA	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	7.00	6.51	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
522 LIABILITY INSURANCE	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	2,500.00	1,697.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	500.00-	45.00
540 ADVERTISING	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	-----	95.30	19.63	20.00	20.00	20.00
610 SUPPLIES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	-----	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
630 BOOKS	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	350.00	136.10	353.00	371.00	371.00	18.00
810 DUES AND FEES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	-----	-----	2,614.54	2,830.00	2,393.00	437.00-
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	3,307.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
FUNCTION 2312 CLERK OF THE BOARD									
370 STATISTICAL SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
2312 CLERK OF THE BOARD	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
FUNCTION 2313 DISTRICT TREASURER									
110 REGULAR SALARIES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	70.00	20.00
532 POSTAGE	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	18.14	11.00	11.00	16.00	16.00	5.00

G6615 BENJON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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1-GENERAL FUND

BUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION

02/11/92

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	*****1990-1991 *****			*****1991-1992 *****			BUDGET	BUDGET
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET		
FUNCTION 2313 DISTRICT TREASURER									
610 SUPPLIES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	25.00	-----	1.95	-----	-----	-----
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	75.00	-----	70.09	-----	61.00	86.00
FUNCTION 2314 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS									
110 REGULAR SALARIES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	16.00	-----	16.00	-----	32.00	32.00
230 FICA	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	-----	-----	.23	-----	-----	-----
2314 ELECTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	16.00	-----	16.23	-----	32.00	32.00
FUNCTION 2317 AUDIT									
390 OTHER PURCHASED PROF SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	30.00	-----	30.00	-----	30.00	30.00
2317 AUDIT	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	30.00	-----	30.00	-----	30.00	30.00
FUNCTION 2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT									
351 SAU SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	5,338.00	-----	5,338.00	-----	4,426.00	4,894.00
2321 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	5,338.00	-----	5,338.00	-----	4,426.00	4,894.00
FUNCTION 2390 OTHER SUPPORT SERV-GEN ADM									
359 OTHER MANAGEMENT SERVICES	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	480.00	-----	480.00	-----	500.00	500.00
2390 OTHER SUPPORT SERV-GEN ADM	FUNCTION	TOTAL	*	480.00	-----	480.00	-----	500.00	500.00
FUNCTION 2552 TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL									
513 PUPIL TRANS-OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	OBJECT	TOTAL	*	14,000.00	-----	14,106.08	-----	14,000.00	14,000.00

GL6115 BEATON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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 1-GENERAL FUND

BUDGET WORKSHEET BY FUNCTION  
 02/11/92

EXPENSE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	*****1990-1991*****		*****1991-1992*****		*****1992-1993*****	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
FUNCTION 2552 TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL, CONTINUED							
521 PROPERTY INSURANCE	OBJECT OBJECT	TOTAL *	500.00		250.00		250.00
870 CONTINGENCY		TOTAL *	2,160.00				
			-----				
2552 TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	16,660.00		14,106.08		14,250.00
			-----				
FUNCTION 2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION							
513 PUPIL TRANS-OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	OBJECT	TOTAL *	2,574.00		2,574.80		1,946.00
			-----				1,080.00-
2553 HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION	FUNCTION	TOTAL *	2,574.00		2,574.80		1,494.00
1 GENERAL FUND	FUND	TOTAL **	175,523.00		141,822.01		19,556.00
			-----				
DISTRICT TOTAL ***		175,523.00		141,822.01		179,891.00	
			-----				
Warrant Article							
		175,523.00		141,822.01		179,891.00	
			-----				
						2,500.00	2,500.00
						201,947.00	22,056.00

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ESTIMATED REVENUE

		<u>1991-92</u>	<u>1992-93</u>
	<u>Unreserved Fund Balance</u>	37,114.00	20,000.00
<u>1100</u>	<u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>		
1100	Taxes	114,725.00	162,143.00
1510	Interest	200.00	200.00
<u>3000</u>	<u>Revenue From State Sources</u>		
3110	Foundation Aid	14,941.00	10,104.00
3240	Catastrophic Aid	4,632.00	
<u>4000</u>	<u>Revenue From Federal Sources</u>		
4810	Forest Reserve	8,279.00	7,000.00
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>179,891.00</u>
	<u>School Tax</u>		
	1986	\$22.91	
	1987	7.90	
	1988	4.89	
	1989	7.09	(\$8,436 = \$1.00)
	1990	15.22	(\$8,655 = \$1.00)
	1991	13.19	(\$8,700 = \$1.00)
	1992 (Estimated)	18.63	(\$8,700 = \$1.00) Does not include architectural study

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES  
EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For Year Ending June 30, 1991

REVENUE	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Local Taxes	\$154,101.00	\$131,729.00
Interest on Investments		931.18
State Sources		
Foundation Aid	15,252.00	15,232.74
National Forest Reserve	6,170.00	8,276.63
Vocational School Tuition		270.00
Vocational School Transportation		106.08
Catastrophic Aid	<u>      .</u>	<u>      .00</u>
 Total Revenues	 \$175,523.00	 \$156,545.63

**EXPENDITURES**

Instruction		
Regular Education	\$105,325.00	\$79,697.34
Special Education	35,280.00	33,217.93
Speech	3,472.00	3,598.00
Vocational Education	2,650.00	.00
General Administration		
Psychological Services	300.00	110.00
School Board	3,444.00	2,746.86
SAU #23	5,818.00	5,818.00
Data Processing Services	.00	.00
Transportation		
Contract Services	<u>19,234.00</u>	<u>16,633.88</u>
 Town Expenditures	 \$175,523.00	 \$141,822.01
 Excess Revenue over Expenditures		 \$14,723.62
Fund Balance -- July 1, 1990		\$22,390.93
Fund Balance -- June 30, 1991		\$37,114.55

BALANCE SHEET  
June 30, 1991

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>	
100 Cash	\$35,886.35
140 Intergovernmental Receivables	<u>1,228.20</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$37,114.55</b>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

<u>Fund Equity</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
770 Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>\$37,114.55</u>
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$37,114.55</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$37,114.55</b>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES  
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1991

TAXES

<u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>	<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>	
1121 Current Appropriation	<u>\$131,729.00</u>
Total Taxes	<u>\$131,729.00</u>
1500 Earnings on Investments	<u>\$ 931.18</u>
Total Other Revenue from Local Sources	<u>\$ 931.18</u>
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	<u>\$132,660.18</u>

<u>Revenue From State Sources</u>	
<u>Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	

3110 Foundation Aid	<u>\$ 15,232.74</u>
Total Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid	<u>\$ 15,232.74</u>

<u>Restricted Grants-In-Aid</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	

3221 Tuition	\$ 270.00
3222 Transportation	<u>\$ 106.08</u>
Total Restricted Grants-In-Aid	<u>\$ 376.08</u>
TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES	<u>\$ 15,608.82</u>

<u>Revenue From Federal Sources</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	

4800 Revenue In Lieu of Taxes	<u>\$ 8,276.63</u>
TOTAL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES	<u>\$ 8,276.63</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$156,545.63</u>

**GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — ELEMENTARY**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 1991**

Function	Acct. No.	(1) 100 Salaries	(2) 200 Employee Benefits	(3) 300, 400, 500 Purchased Services	(4) 600 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	School District		Benton
								(7)	Total	
<i>Instruction</i>										
1. Regular Education Programs	1100			41,241	72				41,241	72
2. Special Education Programs	1200			32,890	93				32,890	93
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300									
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400			327	00				327	00
<i>Supporting Services</i>										
5. Attendance and Social Work	2100									
6. Guidance	2110									
7. Health	2130									
8. Psychological	2140			110	00				110	00
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150			3,598	00				3,598	00
10. Other Pupils	2190									
<i>Instructional/ Instructional</i>										
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210									
12. Educational Media	2220									
13. Other Instructional Staff	2250									
<i>General Administration</i>										
14. School Board	2300									
15. Office of the Superintendent	2310			335	40	4,40	1,336	65	22	6
16. Special Area Administration	2320					3,843	36			
17. Other General Administration	2380						345	60		
18. School Administration	2400									
<i>Business</i>										
19. Fiscal	2520									
20. Operation & Maint. of Plant	2540									
21. Pupil Transportation	2550						12,607	80		
22. Centralized Internal Svcs.	2570									
23. Other Business	2580									
24. Managerial	2600									
25. Other Supporting Services	2900									
26. Total (Total of Lines 1 thru 25)		335	40	4,40	96,301	06	22	76	218	47
										96,882
										09

**GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH**  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1991

School District      Benton

Function	(1) Acct. No.	(100) Salaries	(2) 200 Employee Benefits	(3) 300, 400, 500 Purchased Services	(4) 600 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	(7) Total
<b>Instruction</b>								
1. Regular Education Programs	1000							
2. Special Education Programs	1100							
3. Vocational Education Programs	1200							
4. Other Instructional Programs	1300							
5. Supporting Services	1400							
Pupils	2000							
6. Attendance and Social Work	2100							
6. Guidance	2120							
7. Health	2130							
8. Psychological	2140							
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150							
10. Other Pupils	2190							
Instructional	2200							
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210							
12. Educational Media	2220							
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290							
<b>General Administration</b>								
14. School Board	2300	46	44		61	74	25	125
14. School Board	2310	46	44		61	213	52	3025
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320							
16. Special Area Administration	2330							
17. Other General Administration	2390							
18. School Administration	2400							
Business	2500							
19. Fiscal	2520							
20. Operation of Maint. of Plant	2540							
21. Pub. Transportation	2550							
22. Centralized Internal Svcs.	2570							
23. Other Business	2590							
24. Managerial	2600							
25. Other Supporting Services	2900							
28. Total (Total of Lines 1 thru 25)	46	44		61	18,343	54	125	3025
								18,422.09

**GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — HIGH**  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1991

Function	Acct. No.	(1) 100 Salaries	(2) 200 Employee Benefits	(3) 400, 500 Purchased Services	(4) 600 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	Benton	
								School District	(7) Total
<i>Instruction</i>									
1. Regular Education Programs	1100			20,979	05				20,979 05
2. Special Education Programs	1200								
3. Vocational Education Programs	1300								
4. Other Instructional Programs	1400								
<i>Supporting Services</i>									
<i>Pupils</i>	2100								
5. Attendance and Social Work	2110								
6. Guidance	2120								
7. Health	2130								
8. Psychological	2140								
9. Speech Pathology & Audiology	2150								
10. Other Pupils	2190								
<i>Instructional</i>	2200								
11. Improvement of Instruction	2210								
12. Educational Media	2220								
13. Other Instructional Staff	2290								
<i>General Administration</i>	2300								
14. School Board	2310	134	16	1 73	445	54	7 57	87	38
15. Office of the Superintendent	2320				1,281	12			
16. Special Area Administration	2390								
17. Other General Administration	2400								
<i>Business</i>	2500								
18. School Administration									
19. Fiscal	2520								
20. Operation & Maint. of Plant	2540								
21. Pupil Transportation	2550								
22. Centralized Internal Servs	2570								
23. Other Business	2590								
24. Managerial	2600								
25. Other Supporting Services	2900								
<b>28. Total (Total of Lines 1 thru 25)</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1 73</b>	<b>26,286</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>7 57</b>		<b>87</b>	<b>38</b>
									<b>26,517</b>
									<b>83</b>

**GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES — DISTRICT WIDE**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 1991**

		School District			Benton			
Function	Acct. No.	(1) 100 Salaries	(2) 200 Employee Benefits	(3) 300,400,500 Purchased Services	(4) 600 Supplies	(5) 700 Property	(6) 800 Other	(7) Total
1. Adult/Continuing Education	1600							
2. Community Services	3000							
3. Facilities Acquisition and Construction	4000							
Other Outlays	5000							
4. Debt Service	5100							
Fund Transfers	5200							
5. Transfer to Special Revenue Funds	5220							
6. Transfer to Capital Project Funds	5230							
7. Transfer to Food Service Fund	5240							
8. Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	5250							
9. Total District Wide (Total of Lines 1 thru 8)								
10. Total General Fund*	516.00	6.74	140,931.59		31.58		336.10	141,822.01

**ALL FUNDS: SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE INFORMATION**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 1991**

(See Notes Below)

Description	Function	Object	(1) Elementary		(2) Middle/Jr. High		(3) High		(4) Total	
			ALL	39,453	ALL	73	ALL	57	ALL	73
1. Special Education Services	ALL	ALL	561	41,241	72	17,476	57	20,979	05	79,697
2. Tuition to LEA's within New Hampshire	ALL	ALL	562							34
3. Tuition to LEA's outside New Hampshire	ALL	ALL	563							
4. Tuition to Public Academies (Pinkerton & Coe Brown Only)	ALL	ALL	568							
5. Other Tuition	ALL	ALL	710							
6. Land	ALL	ALL	720							
7. Land Improvements	ALL	ALL	730							
8. Buildings	ALL	ALL	741							
9. Additional Equipment	ALL	ALL	751							
10. Additional Equipment - Furniture and Fixtures	ALL	ALL	761							
11. Additional Equipment - Vehicles	ALL	ALL	327	00						
12. Summer School	1420									
										327.00

\*Include all functions except 4000

**STATEMENT OF ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 1991**

Description	(1) General		(2) Special Revenue		(3) Capital Projects		(4) Food Service		(5) Capital Reserve	
	13. Fund Equity, July 1, 1990	22,390	13							
13. Fund Equity, July 1, 1990	22,390	13								
Additions:										
14. Revenue *	156,545	63								
15. Other Additions **										
16. Total Additions (Lines 14 and 15)	156,545	63								
Deletions:										
17. Expenditures ***	141,822	01								
18. Other Deletions **										
19. Total Deletions (Lines 17 and 18)	141,822	01								
20. Fund Equity, June 30, 1991 (Lines 13 and 16 less 19)	37,114	55								

**SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE INFORMATION  
FOR CALCULATION OF INDIRECT COST RATE  
For the Year Ended June 30, 1991**

Description	Function	Object	Unallowed	Indirect		Direct
				30	00	
5. School Board (Audit Fees ONLY)	2310					
6. Other Supporting Services - Total	2900			0	00	0 00
7. Office of Superintendent	2320			871	47	4,466
8. Cost of Food	2560		620		0 00	53

## ITEMIZATION OF RECEIVABLES: June 30, 1991

School District \_\_\_\_\_ Benton

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1990 TO JUNE 30, 1991

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1990	\$ 3,616.74
Received from Selectmen (Include only amounts actually received)	\$131,729.00
Balance of Previous Appropriation	\$ 9,812.00
Revenue from State Sources	\$ 16,238.82
Revenue from Federal Sources	\$ 17,027.24
Received as Income from Trust Funds	\$ 178.87
Received from all Other Sources	<u>\$ 752.31</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$175,738.24
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR	\$179,354.98
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	\$143,468.63
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1991	\$ 35,886.35
August 12, 1991	Maxine Tyler District Treasurer
August 15, 1991	Dorothy Elliott Auditor

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, banks statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton, NH of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, and find them correct in all respects.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and citizens of the Benton School District, I submit my fifth annual report.

Building projects have continued to take a great deal of time in the SAU this year. The new Lin-Wood Elementary School opened to students in grades K-5 this September, and additions and renovations have been completed at the Piermont Village, Woodsville Elementary and Woodsville High Schools. The new Haverhill Cooperative Middle School is under construction and it is expected to be completed in August, 1992. Renovations to the Lin-Wood Middle-High School are also underway and should be completed in the spring.

Curriculum development, evaluation and revision have also been a major priority in the SAU. A committee of school board members, administrators and teachers developed a mission statement and curriculum goals and objectives which have been adopted by each school board in SAU 23.

### Mission Statement:

The fundamental aim of public education in SAU #23 is to provide opportunities for every person to develop a positive self image, to become an effective, functional, and responsible citizen and to appreciate and understand his/her role in the global community.

Curriculum goals and objectives were established in the following areas (1) communication skills; (2) mathematics; (3) science; (4) social studies; (5) arts, humanities and literature; (6) health education; (7) analytical thinking; (8) self-esteem; (9) family living and work; (10) future studies. The SAU 23 mission statement and curriculum goals and objectives were included as a suggested model in the New Hampshire School Administrators' Association report by the task force on student alternative assessment.

The SAU has also established a curriculum advisory council made up of teachers, administrators and school board members to coordinate our efforts in curriculum improvement. Specifically the goals and objectives of the Curriculum Advisory Council are:

1. to facilitate the development, implementation, coordination, evaluation and revision of a written curriculum for the instructional program in SAU 23. (A five year cycle has been established to insure curricula in all areas will be developed, evaluated and revised.)
2. to provide professional and technical advices on curriculum issues and concerns to constituent boards in SAU #23.
3. to advocate the importance of curriculum to boards, administration, staff, students and communities.

At present, curricula in mathematics and science have been completed; health education, music, IA technology, language arts and computer science are in progress and other areas are scheduled to begin work in 1992-93. We believe that a well designed, coordinated

and sequential curriculum will have a positive impact on the instructional programs within the SAU.

Other SAU goals include continuing to expand our gifted and talented program, developing building maintenance manuals for each school, finalizing the revision of the school board policy manual and expanding our student drug and alcohol awareness program. Toward that effort we have been awarded a federal grant to employ a part time drug, alcohol and health education coordinator, and the Haverhill Cooperative School District has become involved in the DARE program.

This year, the Benton School Board has placed two articles on the warrant for consideration by the voters. The first is to see if the district will vote to approve a tuition contract with the Haverhill Cooperative School District for the 1992-93 school year. The Haverhill Cooperative School District will give the district a five percent discount on tuition if a contract is signed. This amounts to a savings of \$6,630 or approximately \$.76 on the tax rate.

It should also be noted that an analysis was conducted regarding the cost of tuitioning students to Haverhill vs. other neighboring school districts. The total cost comparison is:

Lisbon	\$130,594
Littleton	132,000
Haverhill	132,700 (\$126,070 with tuition contract)
Blue Mt. Union	136,000

The transportation costs of sending students to Lisbon, Littleton or Blue Mt. Union would also significantly increase due to two factors (1) the increased distance (2) Benton and Haverhill presently share busses to keep the total cost for both districts down. Since the other three school districts have different time schedules, sharing of busses would no longer be feasible and would significantly increase the transportation cost.

The second article requests the approval of an architectural study for the Benton Town Hall to determine the feasibility and cost of converting the building back to an elementary school. At present 1/2 of all Benton tuition students are in grades K-3 and the board felt it should at least review the cost of educating elementary students locally rather than tuitioning students to Haverhill.

In closing, I would like to thank the community for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to work with you as your superintendent of schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas B. McDonald, Ed.D

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I hereby submit my third annual report to the Town of Benton.

It has again been a pleasure working with the members of the Benton School Board as the annual budget has been prepared. Again this year, the increase in the budget is due to tuition increases as students shift from one level to another and increased tuition costs.

This budget reflects the needs of the students of Benton.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gaylord  
Assistant Superintendent

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 23

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S AND  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents.

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the Unit on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of S.A.U. #23 during the 1991-92 school year will receive a salary of \$69,260.00 prorated among the several school districts. The Assistant Superintendents will receive salaries of \$55,700.00 and \$51,700.00 prorated among the several school districts.

The table below shows the proration of salaries to each school district:

SUPERINTENDENT'S

	SALARY
Bath	\$ 3,138.00
Benton	436.00
Haverhill Cooperative	23,846.00
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	28,985.00
Monroe	5,977.00
Piermont	3,193.00
Warren	<u>3,685.00</u>
	<u>\$69,260.00</u>

(1) ASSISTANT  
SUPERINTENDENT'S

(2) ASSISTANT

SUPERINTENDENT'S

	SALARY	SALARY
Bath	\$ 2,523.00	\$ 2,342.00
Benton	351.00	326.00
Haverhill Coop	19,178.00	17,800.00
Lincoln-Woodstock	23,310.00	21,636.00
Monroe	4,807.00	4,462.00
Piermont	2,568.00	2,384.00
Warren	<u>2,963.00</u>	<u>2,750.00</u>
	<u>\$55,700.00</u>	<u>\$51,700.00</u>

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